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Preface

My name is JackDeth,
Lord Knight of the
Lords of Valor, also
Sage of Valor for the
HoA. It is my
responsibility to my
guild to embody the
virtue of Valor and be
an example for our
members to live by. I
would like to dedicate
this book to the men
under my command who
I think embody this
virtue, more than any
other in these great
lands.

Ch1 What is Valor

There are many
definitions of Valor
that can be seen today.

Whether it be the
person who helps out,
without regard to
harm that might come
to them, or the person
who takes a weaker
person under their
wings and guides

them in the ways of
our realm.

But True valor in my
opinion is this, giving
of ones life without
regards to the damage
that can be rendered
upon yourself, to a
higher purpose than
ourselves. This means
going and defending
something that you
believe in, that will
not damage the other
virtues. I shall
explain the role of
Valor and the other
virtues in a later
chapter.
Ch2 Valor in the World
Today

Tell me dear reader, is
it valor that leads a
man to hunt his
enemies down like
wild beast and slay
them, and then
proclaim that he is
with more Valor than
all the warriors of
Jhelhom and Serpents
Hold combined. Was it
Valor or blind hatred
that lead a man to hunt
down his enemies, and
take all that belongs to
him, his life, his
belongings.

We must ask
ourselves questions
before slaying
anybody.

- 1) Is this the right
thing to do.
- 2) What has this
person done that has
brought us to this
moment.
- 3) Will the other
virtues be served by
this persons demise.

If we can answer
these questions we
must act knowing in

our hearts, and our minds that this is the right course of action. We must believe in what we are doing, and that it will serve a greater purpose than ourself. And finally when we do act, we must hold nothing back. We must attack with all our might, and our courage to defeat the person(s) that we have laid in front of us at that moment.

Ch3 Valor and the other Virtues

Valor is a constant companion with the other virtues. For without them then one could not be truly valorous. We would constantly be fighting each other with no higher purpose other than ourself. I will do my best now to try and explain the relationship that Valor plays with the other virtues.

Valor and Sacrifice.

One that has a valorous heart must be willing at any moment to sacrifice everything he has, for the betterment of society, and the virtues. For without sacrifice there would be no greater purpose for us to give ourselves. We would constantly be worrying about what would happen to us, and not defending the virtues to the best of our ability, even if that meant making the ultimate sacrifice, our death.

Valor and Compassion.

Compassion is one being able to hold all life in the highest regard. A valorous sould will hold all life in High regards, knowing that the defeat of an enemy does not mean that we should taunt him and call him vile names, it is that we should hold respect for his death and allow him to leave this life in dignity.

We must also be willing to give to those less fortunate than ourself. Whether it be aiding a down on his luck Knight, or giving a few coins to a beggar in the street. Without compassion we become nothing more the brigands on the roads, taking and taking, it is our compassion that allows us to allow others to live with us in peace.

Valor and Honor.

Honor and Valor play a special role together. Honor is living ones life with a strict set of codes. A Valorous heart will live their life with these codes and defend them with their life. Their are too many men/women in this realm that would slay you for one gold coin than do what is right. The virtues provide me with the "code of conduct" for my life, this is what living with honor is about in my opinion.

Valor and Honesty.

Honesty plays an important role for us that are warriors. We need to be honest with all those that we deal with. That way if you are to slay an opponent then those around you would not be able to say that you are nothing more than a thief and liar. For if we start to lie to others than the trust that we develop with the peoples of our realm will fade, and they will see nothing but deceit in all the actions that we take as warriors.

Valor and Justice.

I feel that Justice is one of the virtues that has been lacking these days. There are too many wrongs going unpunished, and people getting away with crimes, that it has left a sour taste in all of our mouths. If we could have just a few warriors, mages, and artisans in this realm to live by this code, than a lot of the problems that have presented themselves would be corrected. Valor and justice go hand in hand, a warrior must not go out and slay for the sake of slaying. All persons in this realm deserve a chance to be heard and state in their own words what happened, and to see his accusers. One must not be the Judge, Jury, and executioner. The only reason to kill a wanted man, is if he leaves you no choice. For

every incident has two
tales to tell, and the
accused has his right
to a trial by his peers.

Valor and Humility.

Humility plays a
special role with
Valor. Humility
allows us to know that
we are not allways the
best warrior, and to
respect those that are
not as good as we are.
It allows us to learn by
our mistakes and
respect everyones
opinion. It allows us to
know our limitations
and to learn to better
ourselves